

Argentina

February 2011



14 Feb

*Depart London Heathrow 07:25
Depart Madrid 12:35*

*Arrive Madrid 10:45
Arrive Buenos Aires 20:50*

Buenos Aires



Depart London Heathrow on a flight with Iberia in economy class via Madrid. On arrival, private transfer to Mine Boutique Hotel for 3 nights in a Classic Room on a bed and breakfast basis. The Mine Hotel Boutique is located in the Palermo Soho neighbourhood of Buenos Aires. The Palermo Soho is known as the arts and fashion district, and is home to an international representation of writers, musicians, intellectuals and artists. Nearby attractions include San Telmo, Plaza de Mayo and the Santa Fe Avenue shopping centres. Amenities featured in the guestrooms include DVD players, air conditioning, and coffee/tea makers. Bathrooms feature bidets, hair dryers, and complimentary toiletries. The hotel has an outdoor swimming pool.

15 Feb

Shared half day city tour. Cosmopolitan and vibrant, Buenos Aires is a modern capital city with a distinctly European feel. There are many good museums, plenty of green open spaces and the architecture is striking. Away from the centre, several of the traditional neighbourhoods still remain. San Telmo has a quaint faded appeal with cobbled streets which really come alive on Sundays when the weekly antiques market is held. The area of La Boca, established by Italian immigrants, is well worth a visit to see the colourful buildings. Synonymous with Argentina, Eva Peron's final resting place can be seen amongst the grand and ornate surroundings of the Recoleta Cemetery.

Buenos Aires



16 Feb



Day at leisure. On your final evening in the city, enjoy a shared evening excursion to the city's premier Dinner & Tango show (dinner included). Named after the greatest tango singer of all, the 'Esquina Carlos Gardel' is located on the site of the 'Chanta Cuastro' restaurant where Gardel used to meet friends in the 1920s and 1930s to eat, drink and sing late into the night. The superb food and service, together with the stylish art nouveau interior, recreate the sophisticated and luxurious atmosphere of that era. The show is a spectacular mix of live tango music, singing and dancing and features some of the most talented performers in Buenos Aires.

Buenos Aires

17 Feb

Depart Buenos Aires 11:45 Arrive Iguazu 13:35

Iguassu

Private transfer to the domestic airport to meet a flight to Iguazu. On arrival, private transfer across the Brazilian border to the Hotel Das Cataratas for 2 nights in the Superior Room on a bed and breakfast basis. The only property on the Brazilian side within the national park, the pastel pink Das Cataratas is a charming colonial style hotel owned by Orient Express. It is opposite the famous scenic 1.5km trail which provides spectacular panoramic views of the Falls and its delightful grounds and gardens are full of hummingbirds, parrots and the racoon-like coatis. Other facilities include a large attractive outdoor pool, 2 bars and restaurants, tennis courts, games room and a nature trail.



Afternoon at leisure to explore the Brazilian side of the falls from your hotel.

18 Feb



Full day shared tour of the Argentine side of the falls. Flowing between the Argentine and Brazilian border and surrounded by lush tropical rainforest, there are a total of 275 falls that thunder down into the mighty Iguazú River. On the Argentine side there are a number of pathways that take you up, under and often right next to many of the biggest falls. Over on the Brazilian side you are rewarded with a fantastic panorama of the falls. Early morning and late evening are particularly spectacular, tourist numbers are lower and the sky is filled with toucans and parrots returning home to roost. The surrounding national park is

also well worth exploring, wander along the forest floor to see beautiful butterflies and a host of tropical birds.

Iguassu

19 Feb

Depart Iguassu 11:45 Arrive Buenos Aires 13:35
Depart Buenos Aires 14:30 Arrive El Calafate 17:50

El Calafate

Private transfer across the Argentine border to meet a flight to El Calafate via Buenos Aires. On arrival, private transfer to the Design Suites El Calafate for 3 nights in a Standard Room on a bed and breakfast basis. Located on the Nimes Peninsula and offering panoramic views of Lago Argentino, this hotel is designed by the prestigious architect Carlos Ott and has 60 rooms with a contemporary decor.



20 Feb



Full day shared excursion to the Perito Moreno Glacier. A two hour drive from El Calafate takes you to the Perito Moreno Glacier, considered by many to be the most beautiful glacier in the world. Wonder at the spectacle that is the 180 foot high, 3 miles wide and 20 miles long mass of ice. Certainly one of the most spectacular natural wonders in South America, the brilliant white glacier is slowly retreating and you will not have to wait for long before a large chunk of ice breaks away and crashes into the lake below.

El Calafate

21 Feb

Full day shared excursion to the Upsala, Onelli & Spegazzini glaciers; a scenic boat ride amongst the icebergs on Lago Argentina. The tour begins from Punta Banderas and sails along its north arm to arrive at the massive Upsala glacier, one of the largest in South America. You will be greeted with breathtaking vistas as the crystal blue ice meets vast blue skies and Argentine mountains tower in the background. Sail on to Onelli Bay which is scattered with magical blue icebergs whose intensity varies with age.



El Calafate

22 Feb

Depart

Depart El Calafate 12:21 Arrive Buenos Aires 15:17

Private transfer to the airport to meet a flight to Buenos Aires domestic airport. On arrival, you will be met and have a vehicle for 3 hours to go to a restaurant (food and drink at own expense) before being transferred to the international airport to meet your overnight international flight via Madrid.

*Depart Buenos Aires 22:40 Arrive Madrid 14:30 (on the 23rd)
Depart Madrid 16:30 Arrive London Heathrow 17:50*

23 Feb

Arrive back into London Heathrow.

The per person cost for the above itinerary in a double room would be **£2655.00**

The above price includes:

- International flights with Iberia in economy class.
- Internal flights with Aerolineas Argentina as listed in economy class.
- Transfers as listed on a private basis.
- Hotel accommodation with meals as listed.
- Excursions as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).

The above price does not include:

- Local departure taxes.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Any future currency surcharges.
- Any future international airline fare, tax or fuel surcharges.*

**In the event of international airfare /tax increases you will have the option to pay for your airfare in advance to avoid these increases.*

Please note: This is a quotation valid for 7 days only from 26 November 2010. All flights, accommodation and services are subject to availability at the time of booking.

Booking Conditions

20% deposit is recommended to secure this booking. This will ensure that we can immediately issue all your internal flights to guarantee the best flight times and prices for you. The balance would be due 10 weeks prior to departure.

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